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Rail over bridge at Rajanukunte poses grave risks to motorists as it is filled with potholes and riddled with sharp curves. There is no single authority to take up onus of work either

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Authorities informed of issue two years ago, but there is no help forthcoming

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Hundreds of motorists were relieved when the South Western Railway and Karnataka State Government constructed a rail over bridge (ROB) at Rajanukunte railway station. The ROB has been a boon for motorists who were till then compelled to wait at the railway level cross till October 2016 when the construction of the ROB was completed.

However, commuting on the ROB is now posing more dangers for commuters as the surface of the ROB is full of potholes and craters. The ROB connects a few villages including Addiganahalli, Parvathipura and other nearby villages to Doddaballapur Main Road. Villagers and motorists complain that they are facing a lot of problems to use the ROB to reach Doddaballapur Road to proceed towards either Doddaballapur or Singanayakanahalli and other areas.

Demanding that the railway

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The ROB and the condition of the bridge at Rajankunte

PAGE 5: SETBACK FOR PEDESTRIANS TOO

> "If we complain to the railway authorities, they tell us that the maintenance of the ROB is not their responsibility. When we approached the KRDCL engineer, he told us that we must go to PWD –Resident of Addiganahalli

3 THINGS TO DO

01 Magic of music

Bhoomija's beloved music festival for and by children, Jackfruit, comes back to the city in September. Renowned Indian classical vocalist and composer Shubha Mudgal is the Festival Director. Jackfruit 2023 is organised in association with the Indian Music Experience Museum. This year's exciting line-up includes two flagship concerts conceptualised and directed by Shubha Mudgal and distinguished tabla maestro Dr. Aneesh Pradhan. The concerts will feature young performers, below the age of 17, from across the country. Chotu Khan (Manganiyar), Rohan Das (Bengali Folk), Dnyaneshwari Ghadge (Hindustani Classical) and Rahul Vellal (Carnatic Classical) come together in "Singing into the Future" . **When: September 12 to 17; 7 pm onwards; Where: Indian Music Experience museum and MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar**

02 Craft work

Handicraft like block print sarees, bidriware, antique furnitures, tribal jewellery, Rajasthan metal ware, Kolhapuri chappals, authentic Kashmir shawls and sarees, crafts from Kutch and much more will be on show at this exhibition. There will be over 100 stalls and workshops like pottery, decoupage, lath Bangle making ranging from traditional to contemporary. **When: Till September 17; Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel**

03 Ancient art

Book of Gold: The Kanchana Chitra Ramayana of Banaras, is a unique rendition of the Ramayana, reconstructing the illustrated manuscript of Tulsidas' Ramcharitmanas with nearly 80 folios. Commissioned by Maharaja Udit Narayan Singh of Banaras, it stands as a testament against narratives that miniature painting traditions in northern India had faded by the 19th century. Painted with gold, for the first time these pages of the Kanchana Chitra Ramayana will be on display for the public. **When: Opens on September 16 Where: Museum of Art & Photography (MAP)**

Green and divine

Many citizens participate in a workshop conducted to create awareness on Green Ganesha For Every Home, organised by B-PAC and CLIP, at Ulsoor Lake premises, on Sunday

Temperature spike: High fever in B'luru

Doctors say more patients with high-grade fever turning up at hospitals; more nonspecific viral cases

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A one-and-a-half-year-old baby was rushed to a nursing home near his home at midnight recently after he developed a high fever ranging at 105 Degree Fahrenheit. Doctors say that post Covid pandemic, they are seeing more such cases of children being brought to the hospital with very high grade fever. Moreover, the doctors say that the virus is no longer self limiting to a couple of days and instead the fever persists for eight to 10 days and there have been instances of viral infection for a fortnight.

Confirming this, Dr Parimala V Thirumalesh (Senior Consultant - Neonatology and Paediatrics), Aster CMI Hospital, said, "Over the last few weeks, we have noticed an increase in high-grade fever that is associated with common flu and dengue. On an average, 40-50 children per week are being brought with high fever as high as 104 to 105 Degrees in some cases. This trend is being observed post-pandemic. We are yet to ascertain the reason for the spike and why the inflammatory response is so high."

Many other doctors too told BM about this phenomenon.

Dr. Aditya Chowti of Fortis Hospital said, "We are seeing a very dramatic rise in the number of fever cases and also that the spikes in temperature is high. This is because of a wave of viral fevers in the city. It also is a characteristic feature of viral fevers like dengue, which is on the rise in the city nowadays. Also, nonspecific viral fevers can present like this with high rise temperatures associated with a lot of body pain, joint pain, weakness, fatigue, etc."

Even diseases like malaria can cause high grade fevers. "It is a very common thing nowadays that the patients are having high grade temperatures almost going up to 103 degrees Fahrenheit and sometimes it does not even respond to paracetamol treatment. This is quite common nowadays in the advent of viral fevers such as dengue and other nonspecific viral diseases as well."

Dr. Neha Mishra, Manipal Hospital, added that they are seeing flu-like illnesses in some of the patients presenting to their OPD (Out Patient Department). "These flu-like illnesses are also associated with very high-grade fever and the patients show up with upper respiratory symptoms along with chills. On an average, these fevers last for three to five days. The best way to prevent the illness is by strengthening your immunity, going for the annual flu vaccine, and avoiding contact with people who are sick," she said. "In case it is getting difficult to manage the fever, we recommend approaching a doctor without fail and avoid non-prescribed medication to prevent complications."

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

Wearing a mask and frequent hand washing can protect people from the flu, doctors said

ISRO's Aditya L1 performs its third earth-bound manoeuvre

India's first solar mission, Aditya L1 has successfully performed the third earth-bound manoeuvre, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said on Sunday.

"The third Earth-bound manoeuvre (EBN#3) is performed successfully from ISTRAC, Bengaluru. ISRO's ground stations at Mauritius, Bengaluru, SDSC-SHAR and Port Blair tracked the satellite during this operation. The new orbit attained is 296 km x 71767 km," ISRO said in a post on 'X'.

"The next manoeuvre (EBN#4) is scheduled for September 15, 2023, around 02:00 Hrs. IST," it added.

Earlier on September 5, Aditya L1 successfully performed the second earth-bound manoeuvre, attaining an orbit of 282 km x 40225 km. After the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 near the South pole of the moon, the ISRO launched the country's maiden solar mission -- Aditya-L1 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on September 2.

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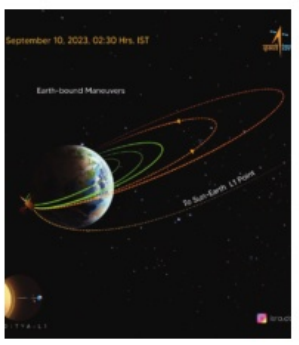
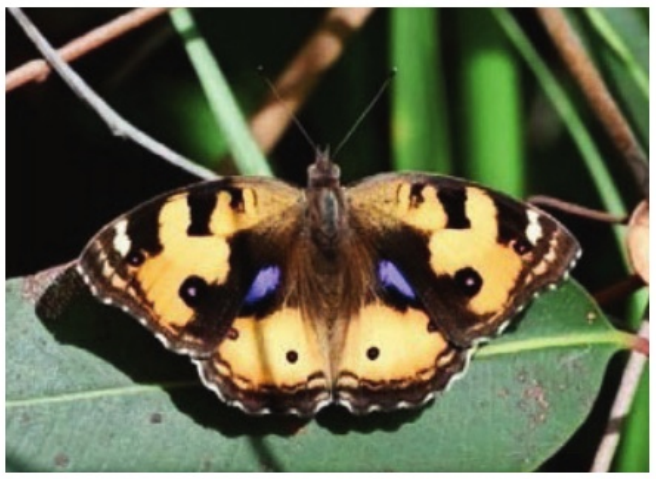


Time for butterfly spotting in B'luru

Know about 4 previously unseen species zeroed in on by members of city club



Oriental Yellow Pansy (Pic: R Mukund and M Subramanya)

Yamfly (Pic: R Mukund and M Subramanya)

White banded awl (Pic: Nagesh Ramamurthy)

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September is the Big Butterfly Month and the Bengaluru Butterfly Club (BBC) is among the 50 special groups participating in this nationwide, month-long celebration. The club has thrived since its establishment in 2009, with its members diligently searching for butterfly species throughout urban Bengaluru. Notably, the team recently discovered four previously unseen butterfly species within the urban confines of Bengaluru.

Two of these new butterfly species, Acacia Blue and the White Banded Awl, were spotted in the Doresanipalya forest, while Yamfly and Metallic Cerulean were discovered in the Kalkere forest. Although these butterfly species are found in various states across the country, this marked the first sightings in Bengaluru, observed by members of the BBC.

The Acacia Blue species features a male with a shining purplish-blue colouration, adorned with broad black apical borders on the forewings and broad black borders along the costal and inner margins of the hindwings. The female, on the other hand, exhibits a steely blue hue with thin black borders on both wings. These butterflies exhibit rapid flight patterns and are often observed sunbathing with fully open wings in sunlit conditions.

As for the Metallic Cerulean, they display a bluish appearance while in flight and have a delicate, fluttering flight pattern. They tend to fly close to the ground in partially shaded areas, often settling on low vegetation.

The White Banded Awl is known for its fast, skipping flight, which means that the sound of their wings is audible when they are in flight. They are typically active in the shady areas of thick forests, often near forest streams. In contrast, the Yamfly exhibits a strong, bouncy flight during daylight hours but flies with less vigour in shaded areas. They tend to stay relatively close to their location and do not venture far.

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) allows members access to the urban forests in Doresanipalya and Kalkere. The Bengaluru Butterfly Club has been conducting surveys on a fortnightly basis in Doresanipalya Forest Research Station, for over 14 years, and have recorded more than 190 species in the last decade and more. As a comparison, only 60 species are available in the whole of the United Kingdom. Data collected in each fortnightly walk is sent to the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), for their use in doctoral studies of Lepidoptera.

Nagesh Ramamurthy, a member of the Bangalore Butterfly Club, stated, "In areas with abundant vegetation, higher altitudes, and ample sunlight, we have the opportunity to observe a greater diversity of butterflies. Plants such as milkweed or zinnias are particularly attractive to butterflies. Milkweed serves as both a nectar source and a host plant for the larvae of butterfly species like the striped tiger and plain tiger."

100+ Butterfly species found at Kalkere forests

At the last annual Butterfly and Bee Awareness Week in December (jointly conducted by KFD and Bengaluru Butterfly Club), the Chief Conservator of Forests, R Ravishankar, requested Bengaluru Butterfly Club to conduct butterfly surveys in Kalkere Forests on Bannerghatta Road. Dr Mukund R along with other members of BBC have spotted and recorded more than 100 butterfly species in the last eight months at Kalkere forests. Nagesh said, "The Kalkere arboretum or A block has varied forms of vegetation ranging from the evergreen forest, deciduous forest, scrub forest across the region, while the research station has a scrub forest. Both these forests being adjacent to the Bannerghatta forest could be considered to be an extension of the latter forest."

Among the 102 butterfly species found at Kalkere forests, some are, Indian lime Blue, Asian Zebra Blue, Indian Lesser Grass Blue, Continental Common Pierrot, Lime Swallowtail, Oriental Yellow Pansy, Indian Jezebel, Dakhan Tricolour Pied Flat and many more.

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What's in name change? Animal activists cry foul

Activists allege entity with new name that is helmed by person with 3 FIRs against her might be in the running for animal birth control projects too

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A few non-governmental organisations associated with animal birth control (ABC) projects continue to hit the headlines for the wrong reasons. The latest such is the Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society. Animal activists claim that Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society is just another name for what was previously Sushma Enterprises, owned by Aruna Gopal Reddy against whom three first information reports (FIRs) were registered.

Activists claim that Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruthi Seva Society has applied to Animal Welfare Board of India for recognition and is set to commence ABC operations in Mahadevapura Zone in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits. They said the application must not be entertained as its president Aruna Gopal Reddy has no expertise in animal welfare, especially in conducting ABC programmes.

"A team of the Animal Welfare Board of India visited the city last month. We met the team at the BBMP Head Office and explained why permission should not be given to Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society. We told them that the person against whom FIRs were registered has just changed the name of Sushma Enterprises. We also produced a copy of the letter by the Deputy Director of State Animal Husbandry Department stating that the recognition accorded to Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society be put on hold," said Arun Prasad, an animal activist.

Inset: A BBMP team visit to the animal shelter maintained by Aruna Reddy

According to the documents with Bangalore Mirror, Bangalore Urban District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences Deputy Director and Secretary of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals wrote a letter on September 28, 2021 to the Secretary of Animal Welfare Board of India to withhold the recognition proposal of Spandana Animal Welfare Trust till the case in honourable High Court is disposed of.

"Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society is not equipped to commence ABC programmes. It is wrong to apply for permission in the name of different organization when there are complaints against the person in-charge of such organisation," said Dr Umapathy, the then Bangalore Urban District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences Deputy Director and Secretary of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals who is now in the agriculture department.

Sujaya Jagadish, an SPCA member, said that it is very clear that the ABC-ARV Program, as directed by the Supreme Court, is important to the nation.

"It must also be made absolutely certain that only the NGOs with relevant experience and strict moral obligations for safeguarding of animal health must be given the contract to carry out the program," said Jagadish.

Nevina Kamath, secretary, Action for Animal Justice said the recognition to Aruna Reddy's NGO that has a criminal record in its past avatar, and AWBI's disregard of even Bangalore Urban District SPCA Member Secretary's letter to withhold the accreditation, smacks of an unholy nexus between elements in BBMP and AWBI. "A thorough inquiry must be held to expose this nexus which is making a mockery of the rule of law," said Kamath.

> **"We have applied to the Animal Welfare Board of India for recognition**
> – Aruna Reddy, Spandana

Meanwhile, Aruna Reddy, made it clear that no ABC programmes are being held at Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruti Seva Society. "A team of BBMP officials, based on a complaint lodged by animal activists, visited Spandana Animal Welfare and Prakruthi Seva Society and found no ABC programmes are being held here.

We have applied to the Animal Welfare Board of India for recognition. If we get the recognition, we will participate in a tender for conducting ABC programmes," said Aruna.

Kengeri govt school has brand new address

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More than a year after Bangalore Mirror reported about the poor condition of a government school in Kengeri Satellite Town, students can finally rejoice as they now have a brand new school building. For nearly a year, students living in Kengeri Satellite Town have been studying in temporary accommodation as the building housing the 'Government Lower Primary School' has been in terrible shape.

With leaking roofs and walls with seepage, the building proved to be a health hazard for students. Now, the students have a brand new two-floor building with six rooms. The ground floor houses one office and a classroom for the first and second standards, and the first floor has the third, fourth and fifth standards. In front of the school, there is a small space for a playground.

The land required for the building was provided by MLA ST Somashekar and the construction was completed with funds allocated from an unknown donor. The building was handed over and classes started on September 8. The project was completed at the cost of Rs 1.05 crore. When BM reported about the school condition, 62 students were going to the school and due to the school's poor condition, 30 students had not turned up. Built in 1994, the building had leaking roofs for the past 10 years. The change was the result of intervention by local social activists of Jayaprakash Narayana Vichara Vedike. After seeing the condition of the school, the students had been shifted out to a wedding hall near Kalikamba Temple.

BM had reported on August 19, 2022 about the poor state of the school building

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Waste pile
Kanaka Layout

The entrance of Kanaka Layout in ward no 181 is marred by a consistent garbage buildup. Citizens have called on authorities for a lasting resolution to this recurring issue.

Stagnant scene
Nagondanahalli

Residents of Nagondanahalli, Whitefield, are grappling with blocked drains and stagnant water at their main gate, that has created a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Broken path
Jalahalli

The area around Jalahalli Post Office, including the SBI bus stop and HMT Hospital, is in a deplorable state, making evening walks challenging. Residents earnestly request prompt action.

Much-needed train service extension on the cards

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Owing to the low patronage of airport MEMU services, the South Western Railways is considering extending its line to Chikkaballapura. The decision will be taken after a survey is conducted.

Regular commuters like the students of Chikkaballapur who have to travel to the city and back for education have been demanding the extension for quite some time now.

According to SWR, the patronage of Airport MEMU has been low, despite all efforts. Currently, Railways officials say that patronage is as low as 1 per cent. Activists say that lack of punctuality and reliability has been the reason for low patronage.

Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Admin) told BM, "The proposal for extension is under consideration and it is under process. We are seeing low patronage for the Airport MEMU services though we had fixed the timings of these trains in discussion with the Airport Authority of India and BIAL. Now, we have also received some requests from citizens to extend the line. Initially, we wanted to run a pilot for three months. It will be operationalised after a detailed study regarding the increase in patronage with extension till Chikkaballapur is conducted."

File photo of a campaign to popularise Airport MEMU service

As per the proposal, all eight trains till Devanahalli will be extended to Chikkaballapur. The decision regarding the extension will be taken on a zonal level, said the official.

Residents of Chikkaballapur hailed the move. "The extension will vastly help students in the area. There are several colleges just 1.5km away from the railway station. Students can board the train daily and arrive on time. There is a major shortage of KSRTC buses which leads to crowding of the existing ones. Railways have been running empty trains instead of extending to nearby areas. The line has been electrified till Bangarpet but it's being extended till Kolar," said rail enthusiast and a resident of Chikkaballapur, Yadhu Krishnan.

Activists say that lack of reliability and punctuality are key reasons for the low patronage of Airport MEMU. "Railways has been promising this extension for quite some time. Several times, the MEMU services have been suspended out of the blue. These trains are not punctual too. While travelling from Byappanahalli to Channasandra, there is a small left turn and due to a single track, there is a huge delay in services. We had requested a crossing station at Doddajala to address the issue. Time and time again, we have requested automatic signalling but that too has not been implemented. These trains also do not stop at all stations; trains don't stop at Bettahalasur, Doddajala. Patronage can be drastically increased by stopping at these stations," said Rajkumar Dugar, Convenor of Citizens for Citizens(C4C).

No funds! State govt robs Rajanukunte of ROB

Underbridge must as pedestrians cross track from under stationary trains

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Around 3,000 residents of Addiganahalli and Parvathipura of Rajanukunte Panchayat in Yelahanka were in for a shock when they came to know that the state government has withdrawn its permission for the much-needed rail over bridge (ROB) and a pedestrian subway between Addiganahalli and Rajanukunte.

The Rajanukunte rail level crossing was in the news for all the wrong reasons recently when a woman had a providential escape by lying on the tracks as a goods train started moving when she was crossing.

Residents of the area have no other option than crossing the railway track from under stationary goods trains to reach the other side. It has been risky and a few have been injured too while crossing the track from under trains.

The South Western Railway had decided to construct a ROB with a pedestrian subway at Rajanukunte Railway Station. As per the norm, the state government and the South Western Railway have to fund the cost of the ROB with a pedestrian subway.

However, Infrastructure Development Under Secretary K Nagaraja wrote a letter on May 15, 2023, to the General Manager, South Western Railway, stating that there is no further fiscal space to commit towards new projects and cost escalation for existing projects since the Government of Karnataka has already made large commitments towards ROBs and RUBs in the recent years. "Therefore South Western Railway may execute essential projects at their own cost," K Nagaraja said in the letter.

According to the letter, the in-principle approval given by the Government of Karnataka on request of South Western Railway to consider cost sharing has to be treated as withdrawn, except for which administrative and financial approval has been granted. "No approval/concurrence to new ROB/RUB projects shall be given by the Government of Karnataka in future," the letter stated.

A person crosses the rail track from under a stationary goods train at Rajanukunte; inset: the scene at a time when there are no trains standing at the track

> **"Those who own vehicles can reach Doddaballapur Main Road via the railway over bridge. What about pedestrians who want to get there?** –Ambika R, Rajanukunte Panchayat president

Bangalore Mirror
On brink of tragedy, Rajankunte locals ask where's foot overbridge?

BM had reported on Aug 30 about woman who had narrow escape under moving train

Won't acquire land

It is learnt that the government is supposed to acquire more than two and half acres (consisting of more than 50 properties) for the construction of the ROB with pedestrian subway. Without the state government acquiring the required land, it may not be viable for the South Western Railway to bear the cost of land acquisition and the construction of the ROB.

Residents have expressed concern over the state government's decision to cancel the permission given for the ROB with pedestrian subway.

Ambika R, president, Rajanukunte Panchayat, said the proposed ROB with subway was a much-needed amenity for the villagers. "Those who own vehicles can reach Doddaballapur Main Road through the existing railway over bridge. What about pedestrians who want to get there?" asks Ambika.

She said some people had injured themselves while crossing the track under the stationary goods train. "The existing foot over bridge is not suitable for the villagers to use it as it is meant for railway passengers," she said.

Resident of the area Muniraju urged the state government to reconsider its decision. "The ROB would be a great help for many of us. Goods trains are parked here, blocking the way for residents who want to cross the track to reach the other side," said Muniraju.

Visionary move that came at the right time

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Dhanalakshmi, a domestic help, who became a widow within 10 years of her marriage, found herself in a desperate situation when her nine-year-old son, Ajith, urgently needed a cataract operation. Dhanalakshmi fainted out of shock because she did not have the resources to arrange funds for her son's surgery.

Ajith, a fifth-grade student at a private school, had been experiencing vision issues and an unusual swelling in his right foot. Fortunately, a medical camp organised by Domlur Senior Citizens Charitable Trust last month diagnosed him with cataract, and doctors recommended him to undergo surgery.

"I lost my husband during the Covid pandemic. He worked as a mason and tragically took his own life during the first wave of the coronavirus. A few philanthropists have helped my son to get admission in a private school. When doctors told me to admit my son to a hospital for a cataract operation, I fainted because I was in a dilemma on how to arrange money as I was finding it tough to make ends meet. The temple management allowed me to reside at a small dwelling on the temple premises and I work as a maid at a few houses," narrates Dhanalakshmi.

Life changed when she happened to meet V Krishnamoorthy, president of Domlur Senior Citizens Charitable Trust at Shri Shaneshwar Temple where she works. "I narrated my problems to Krishnamoorthy sir who readily arranged treatment for my son," she said.

According to Krishnamoorthy, she was very weak as she did not eat for three days after learning about her son's condition. "She fainted in front of me. I advised her to have food and arranged treatment for her son at Manipal Hospital for a swollen foot. Later, Ravi Kumar of Rotary Avoidable Blindness Foundation organised a cataract operation for Ajith at Vittala Eye Hospital at Banashankari," he said.

Private transport strike, BMTC expands services

Federation demands ban on bike taxis, extension of Shakti scheme to private buses

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Private transporters are off the roads from Sunday midnight for a 24-hour bandh

If you are travelling by cab or auto, then you need to have your plan B in place as the private transporters are off the roads from Sunday midnight for a 24-hour bandh. However, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has stepped in with additional services.

On Monday, a 'bandh' has been called by the Federation of the Karnataka State Private Transport Associations, potentially causing disruptions in commuting for various individuals, including school students and office-goers. This strike may result in the absence of a significant number of private vehicles, such as autos, taxis, maxi cabs, goods vehicles, and corporate buses, on the road. The federation, which consists of 32 private transport associations, is expected to suspend most private transport services from midnight tonight until midnight on Monday. Since private maxi cabs play a crucial role in transporting many school children, certain schools in the city have opted to declare a holiday on Monday to minimise inconvenience to students.

Additionally, commuters travelling to the airport may need to seek alternative transportation options. The federation has called for this strike to demand a ban on bike taxis and to request the government's extension of the Shakti scheme, which provides free bus rides to women on state-run transport buses, to include private buses. These demands stem from the private transporters' claims that they have been adversely affected by the Shakti scheme, and despite numerous discussions, the state government has not met their demands. According to S Nataraj Sharma, the president of the federation, approximately 7 to 10 lakh vehicles, including autos, taxis, airport taxis, maxi cabs, goods vehicles, school vehicles, stage carriages, contract carriages, and corporate buses, will not be in operation tomorrow. As part of the bandh, the federation's office bearers have organised a protest march from Sangolli Rayanna Circle to Freedom Park in the city.

Additional BMTC buses

BMTC is expanding its services by introducing an additional 500 schedules (equivalent to 4,000 trips) departing from major bus stations such as Kempegowda Bus Stand, K R Market, and Shivajinagar Bus Stand. These routes will connect to destinations like Kadugodi, Sarjapur, Attibele, Anekal, Bannerghatta/Jigani, Harohalli, Bidadi, Tavarekere, Nelamangala, Hesaraghatta, Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, Bagalur, Channasandra, Hoskote, and the Outer Circle. This expansion is in addition to the existing 5,601 regular schedules, bringing the total number of BMTC schedules to 57,450 trips on Monday.

A senior BMTC official explained, "We have devised a plan to introduce approximately 4,000 extra trips through these 500 schedules, based on the traffic demand on outer Ring Roads and routes connecting key areas of the city. Additionally, BMTC officers, staff, and Sarathi patrol forces will be deployed at major roads, bus stands, and junctions throughout the city to monitor traffic. We are prepared to implement additional trips on routes where there is a demand for increased service. Furthermore, we are planning to operate 100 additional trips to the airport for travellers' convenience."

'Only moral support'

Meanwhile, D Shashi Kumar, General Secretary of the Associated Management of English Medium Schools (KAMS) said, "We are cognisant of the demands put forth by the private transport bodies. Associations associated with school buses have also chosen to participate in the protest. While we will offer them moral support, our schools will maintain their regular operations. We kindly request parents who typically rely on school vans for transportation to be prepared to personally drop off and pick up their children if, in the event, school buses or vans are not in service."

However, a few schools issued circulars on Sunday night declaring a holiday on Monday.

Citizens pedal for greener city

In an effort to combat the ever-growing traffic congestion that plagues Bangalore and advocate for sustainable mobility, over 60 concerned citizens gathered on Sunday morning and embarked on a bicycle ride from the RBI Layout Playground in JP Nagar to the Chennamma ground adjacent to Madhavan Park, kickstarting a movement to create awareness on building cycle spaces and infrastructure in the city.

The Mobility Agenda in collaboration with the Traffic Police of Bangalore, CFAM, MyByk.in, and Jhatkaa.org, started at 7:30 AM and continued until 9:30 AM. It aimed to cover a distance of six kilometres while raising awareness about the pressing issues of traffic congestion and air pollution that have been plaguing the city.

Citizens gathered to create awareness on building cycle spaces in the city

Throughout the ride, participants engaged with fellow citizens, reaching out to more than 50 individuals along the way, emphasising the need for sustainable mobility solutions. The team focused on three main agendas: getting last-mile connectivity, safe footpaths and cycle streets and raising illegal parking issues in residential areas.

Dimpu Chindappa, Founder of The Mobility Agenda stated that they had visited 22 metro stations in the Green Line and found that the number of cycles parked in metro stations varied between 5-30. "By promoting cycling for these short distances, we aim to reduce the use of motorcycles and cars for accessing metro stations. This not only helps reduce the demand for parking space at metro stations but also contributes to sustainable transportation. This awareness will reduce on-street and footpath vehicle parking near metro stations, make space for pedestrians to walk safely and double the number of cycles parked at metro stations." **-BMB**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

In politics 'No friends or foes'

As numerous opposition party leaders aligned with the Congress, a journalist questioned the Deputy Chief Minister about his apparent enthusiasm in embracing these opposition figures. In response, DKS warmly hugged the reporter and conveyed, "In politics, there are no permanent friends or foes. It's an art of possibility. I'm not extending invitations, but rather, politicians are recognising their future prospects and choosing to join us. I don't believe in operations aimed at enticing leaders from other parties, instead, I believe in fostering cooperation."

Law Professor turned leader

CM Siddaramaiah has worn many hats on his journey to becoming the leader he is today. Earlier in his life, he had expressed his intention to pursue a career in medicine, but circumstances led him on a different path. During a recent event at a law college, he shared how he ended up becoming a teacher. Siddaramaiah recounted, "While practising law for three years, I simultaneously taught law at Vidyavardhaka Law College from 1980 to 1983. However, when I started campaigning for MLA, I had to pause my teaching duties. After being elected as an MLA, I resumed teaching and conducted special classes for a month to cover all the pending topics. Teaching brought me immense joy and satisfaction."

Political drama unfolds: Alliance talks and CP Yogeshwar's wish

Even before former CM BS Yediyurappa could spell out a possible tie-up with the JDS, former minister CP Yogeshwar recently voiced his personal support for the alliance, stressing the need to maximise Karnataka's representation in the Parliament. Former Deputy CM Dr CN Ashwath Narayan attempted to temper Yogeshwar's enthusiasm, insisting that such decisions rest with the party's high command. Yogeshwar, undeterred, continued to express his personal preference for journalists.

Changing student dynamics

Participating in a Teacher's Day event, DK Shivakumar emphasised the changing dynamics in education today. He cautioned that teachers must be vigilant as students now have easy access to information through smartphones. Shivakumar noted, "In earlier yugas, students would gracefully accept guidance and discipline from their gurus. However, in today's Kali Yuga, teachers must engage with students differently, stressing the importance of learning rather than resorting to punitive measures. It's a challenging task, as even parents can be demanding when it comes to their children's education. Even my daughter who is running an educational institution says that it is quite difficult to manage and convince parents."

Renaming India: Divisive issue

"What significance lies in a name?" This question has ignited widespread debate following reports suggesting intentions to 'rename' India as Bharat. Nonetheless, not everyone welcomes this proposed change. During a recent meeting, Deputy Chief Minister DKS questioned, "If the name is altered, should we refer to IPS officers as BPS officers? With ISRO, will it be transformed into BSRO?" **-Sridhar Vivan**

Deve Gowda confirms meeting BJP leadership

JD(S) veteran says seat sharing not discussed, Kumaraswamy will talk about LS poll pact

Amid the possibility of BJP and JD(S) forging an understanding for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda on Sunday confirmed that he has held discussions with the saffron party's leadership in Delhi, in the interest of the state and to save his outfit. Stating that his son and party leader HD Kumaraswamy will be holding discussions with the BJP leadership and decide regarding poll understanding, the JD(S) supremo said the seat sharing was not discussed during his talks in the national capital.

"It is being criticised (by Congress leaders) that Deve Gowda went and met someone in Delhi. Yes, this party needs to be saved. I have worked forty years for this party. I saved this party even when Kumaraswamy went with BJP (forming alliance government in 2006)," Gowda said.

Addressing JD(S) workers meeting here, he said, "Yes, I contacted BJP leaders in Delhi, not for Deve Gowda to become Prime Minister once again. To save this party, a regional party that I have nurtured for 40 years....Yes, I met Modi, when BJP leaders themselves expressed desire to meet me. It is true that I spoke to them, but I have not asked for any seat."

The JD(S) patriarch said, on the poll understanding issue, Kumaraswamy will ultimately discuss with Modi and BJP leaders, on how many seats they will give and how many the regional party will take and decide. "There is nothing to hide."

"Modi respects me, and so does the Home Minister (Amit Shah), they know my behaviour. I did not ask for any number of seats. I have explained the situation in every segment. Kumaraswamy and they will sit and decide. I have that confidence," he added.

Noting that BJP has strength in every segment, Gowda said, "Don't the BJP have votes in Hassan, Mandya, Ramanagara, Kolar, Tumakuru? they do ..... Similarly, BJP too should also not think that JD(S) don't have anything. I have said this during discussion."

HD Deve Gowda, HD Kumaraswamy, and CM Ibrahim during the JD(S) state convention at Palace Grounds

"Yes, I contacted BJP leaders in Delhi, not for Deve Gowda to become Prime Minister once again. To save this party, a regional party that I have nurtured for 40 years...

–HD Deve Gowda

"In Bijapur and Raichur you (BJP) can win seats only if you get my party's strength, if not you cannot win, I have told this to those leaders. In Bidar and Chikkamagaluru too we have a good number of votes..." he added.

Stating that he is being criticised for trying to make "immoral contact" with the BJP leadership in Delhi, Gowda hitting back at Congress leaders said, "who and which leader of the state has how much morality I can analyse, but I won't indulge in personal attacks. I have nothing to gain from it at this 91-years of age."

Veteran BJP leader BS Yediyurappa had recently indicated about both parties reaching a poll understanding, and his party ceding four out of total 28 Lok Sabha seats for JD(S). However, Kumaraswamy had subsequently said discussions regarding BJP and his party contesting the Lok Sabha polls together were still in the initial phase, and no talks have taken place regarding seats sharing.

The BJP had swept the 2019 LS polls in Karnataka by winning 25 seats, while an independent (Sumalatha Ambareesh from Mandya) backed by it won in one seat. The Congress and JD(S) won one seat each.

Addressing party workers, Kumaraswamy said, if BJP and JD(S) have to join hands it is to protect the state's resources and for its development, and not for personal desires or gains.

He hit out at Congress and INDIA bloc leaders for not showing the minimum courtesy of remembering Deve Gowda, who had worked for building secular forces, as he also vowed to protect the interest of minorities.

Both father and son duo attacked the Congress government in Karnataka for its policies, terming them as detrimental to the interest of the state and vowed to defeat the ruling party which is "dreaming" about decimating JD(S) and winning maximum LS seats in the state. **–PTI**

Ransom profits: Abductors nabbed

CK Achukattu police have arrested three people, including a rowdy sheeter, who had kidnapped a man demanding money for settlement of criminal cases against them.

The accused have been identified as Arun alias Tsunami, Kirankumar, and Somashekhar. One accused is said to be on the run. The accused who kidnapped Sandeep Kumar and took him to Tamil Nadu on August 31, kept him in a farm house in Tamil Nadu and demanded Rs 50 lakh from him. They threatened Sandeep's family that they would kill him if not paid. Sandeep managed to escape as he was being shifted to another place. Later, he took the help of the Tamil Nadu police and returned to Bengaluru.

Pilgrimage fraud proves too costly

A woman has been cheated of Rs 1.27 lakh as she was booking a trip to Amarnath. Mamata had seen an advertisement for a travel agency on Facebook. She checked the website and found it to be genuine. Shortly after that, a stranger called her and told her that he would book a trip if she pays Rs 1.27 lakh.

When Mamata paid the amount, she didn't receive any confirmation. After this there was no contact. Later, on registering a complaint she found that she has been a victim of cyber crime.

Woman found dead

A woman, who had got married just three months ago, has allegedly died by suicide.

Krishnaveni, of Saligrama, Mysuru, was residing in Kadugodi, with her husband Prithviraj ,30, who was working in a private company. The parents of the woman have accused the son-in-law's family of strangling her to death.

A case has been registered in the Kadugodi police station.

Too many red flags at Doddakallasandra Lake

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The Doddakallasandra Lake Protection Committee has pointed to the many issues that have arisen in the lake premises after slight rain in the city.

They have noted that due to desilting of sewage diversion channels not being carried out, sewage has begun to overflow into the lake. Along with this, pathways made for the entry of excess rainwater, the main source of freshwater for Doddakallasandra Lake, has also not been desilted, obstructing its smooth flow into the lake. The committee has said that if the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) does not take immediate action to rectify the issues, the water quality may significantly be affected. The committee has also noted that the recent rains has resulted in clearing out of garbage material present within sewage diversion channels as well as rainwater drains, however, these have now accumulated across the tank bund. Collected trash material has been lying on the bund for several months, they allege.

Clogged sewage diversion channels are resulting in sewage overflowing into Doddakallasandra Lake

Another important issue is the accumulation of macrophytes on the bunk. The presence of organic matter within lakes leads to an increase in Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) and reduces the amount of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) which results in fishkills.

The committee has noted that the maintenance incharge must make sure of discarded the collected materials outside the premises of the lake.

"For more than two years, we have been escalating the issue of sewage entry into the lake. The entire sewage line on the 2nd main road of Soudhamini layout, which is more than 15 years old, is to be changed with bigger size pipes along with large chambers," said Soundarajan, a resident who lives near the Doddakallasandra lake. Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist, urged the BBMP to take up necessary post rain clearing works without any delays. "BBMP must ensure that the maintenance contractors are working for the health of the lake," he said.

Bank account suspended due to not updating KYC details? How to reactivate it

Regulated Entities (RE) shall adopt a risk-based approach for periodic updation of KYC. However, periodic updation shall be carried out at least once every two years for high-risk customers, once every eight years for medium-risk customers, and once every ten years for low-risk customers from the date of opening of the account / last KYC updation," said the RBI in a circular dated May 29, 2019, updated on May 4, 2023.

The above-mentioned RBI circular also said that if an existing bank's customer does not give their PAN or Form 60 or any other equivalent document then the said RE such as banks will "cease operations in the account till the time the Permanent Account Number (PAN) or equivalent e-documents thereof or Form No. 60 is submitted by the customer. Provided that before temporarily ceasing operations for an account, the RE shall give the customer an accessible notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard."

If your bank sends you an email requesting you to update the KYC details linked to your account, do it as a priority. Missing the deadline can lead to deactivation of your bank account.

If your bank account has been suspended due to a re-KYC compliance failure, you can re-activate it.

The process for activating one's bank account in case of re-KYC failure is the same for every bank. However, the mechanism (net banking, mobile banking, SMS, email, etc.) is the only differentiating factor. Here are some examples of how the re-activation is done in a few banks.

Here we have taken two well-known banks and stated the procedure of activating bank accounts deactivated due to not updating the KYC details.

Bank of Baroda (BoB):

According to the Bank of Baroda website, there are three ways their customers can finish their re-KYC process and reactivate their bank account.

Branch visit: "Visit your home branch and submit the duly signed Re-KYC form & copy of valid KYC documents," said Bank of Baroda on their website.

Video call: Individual resident customers (other than minors) having an Aadhaar number and original PAN can undertake Video Re-KYC (Re-KYC online through Video Call)," said Bank of Baroda on their website.

Email/Post/Courier: Bank of Baroda customers can also email, courier, post, etc. a duly signed self-declaration form in case of no change in KYC information/ change of address only.

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Kotak Mahindra Bank

Kotak Mahindra Bank customers can use their mobile banking app to complete their re-KYC process.

Firstly, login to Kotak mobile application. After login find a button called 'service request' down below.

Click on that. A new page will open, it will have a button named 'profile', click that. Once clicked, a new page will open, and it will have many options. Among those options, a button will be there named 're-KYC. Click on that. After this, a new page will open.

This will show your name, masked Aadhaar number, masked PAN, communication address, and two clickable buttons- occupation and annual household income. It will also have two selection buttons- 'There is a change in my address' and 'There is no change in my address'.

If you select the 'There is a change in my address' option, then a new page will appear and it will show you two options. The first option is 'update address using Aadhaar number and OTP-INSTANT' and the second option is 'update address by uploading Address Proof'.

If you select the option 'there is no change in my address', then you will get another two options i.e. update via Aadhaar OTP or update by uploading proof.

Banks are mandated by RBI to periodically update their customer's KYC details and hence they conduct a re-KYC process. However, the frequency of the re-KYC process varies depending upon the category of the banking customer.

Neelanjit Das, ET Online

Rocky ride over the bridge

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authorities and Karnataka Rural Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) engineers fill up potholes and craters on the ROB, Muniraju, a resident of Addiganahalli said that potholes are posing danger to the motorists, especially two-wheeler riders.

"The construction of the ROB is unscientific. Due to deep curves, motorists are not able to notice the vehicles coming from the opposite direction. It is not useful for pedestrians. We have been demanding that the authorities construct an underpass with pedestrian subway," said Muniraju.

Residents of Addiganahalli complained that authorities concerned have not taken measures to fill potholes and craters on the ROB despite repeated reminders.

"Accidents are taking place on the ROB but the authorities did not fix the problem. We have been complaining to the authorities for more than two years but nothing has been done to fill up potholes and craters," said a member of Parvathipura Village Panchayat.

The villagers complain that the authorities have forgotten the existence of the ROB. They said that the authorities did not bother to organise any function to inaugurate the ROB.

"We are not sure whom to approach with our complaints. If we complain to the railway authorities, they tell us that the maintenance of the ROB is not their responsibility. When we approached the KRDCL engineer, he told us that he is not responsible for the maintenance of the ROB. He advised us to approach the PWD engineer," said a resident of Addiganahalli on the condition of anonymity.

Expressing concern over the number of potholes on the ROB, Paramesh K, a two-wheeler rider, said that he has to depend on the ROB to reach Doddaballapur Main Road.

"The authorities did not put up caution boards on Doddaballapur Main Road for the benefit of motorists using the ROB. There is neither a caution board nor a traffic signal on the Doddaballapur Main Road. It is difficult for motorists proceeding towards Doddaballapur to notice the vehicles coming from Doddaballapur. The authorities must install caution boards or traffic signal lights for the benefit of motorists," said Paramesh.

When informed, Karnataka Rural Development Construction Limited (KRDCL) engineer Raju said that he had taken measures to fill up potholes and craters on the ROB a few years ago. "I will ask the contractor to fill up the potholes on the ROB soon," said the engineer.

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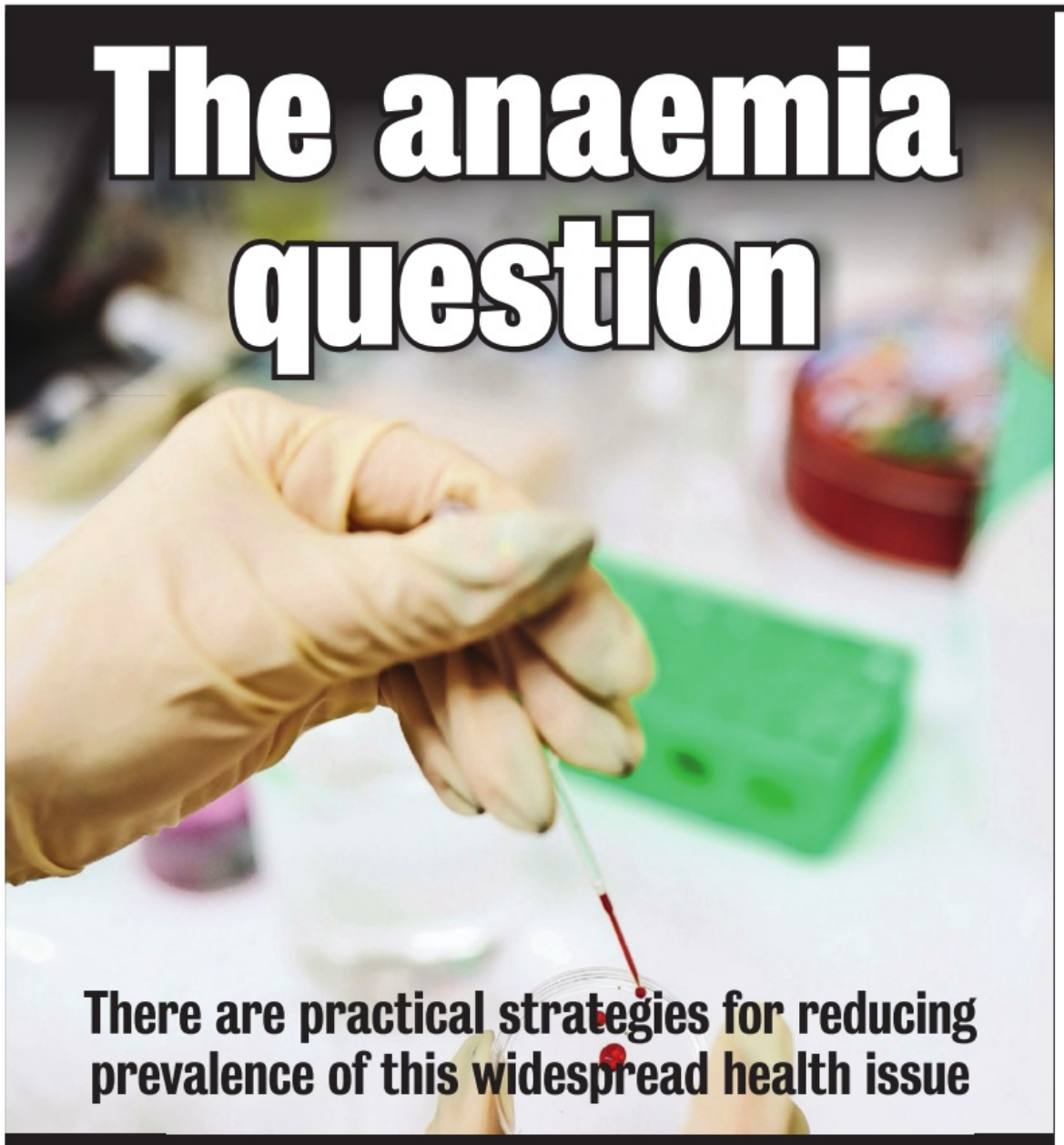
The anaemia question



There are practical strategies for reducing prevalence of this widespread health issue

Anaemia is a major health problem, with nearly 2 billion people affected globally. It afflicts more people worldwide than low back pain or diabetes – or even anxiety and depression combined.

Despite this, investments in reducing anaemia have failed to substantially reduce the massive burden of anaemia globally over the last few decades.

People become anaemic when their blood lacks enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body. This decreased oxygen delivery causes many of the most common symptoms of anaemia, including fatigue, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, difficulty concentrating and challenges with work and daily life tasks.

In addition to its direct health effects, anaemia can inhibit brain development and fine motor skills in children and heighten the risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease, dementia and other chronic illnesses in older adults. Anaemia during pregnancy can lead to increased rates of anxiety and depression, early labour, postpartum hemorrhage, stillbirth and low birth weight. Infections for both mother and baby are also more likely when the mother is anemic.

We are global health researchers with expertise in epidemiological modeling of anaemia alongside other maternal, neonatal and nutritional disorders.

Our work is part of the Global Burden of Disease Study, a large research study comprehensively estimating health loss due to hundreds of diseases, injuries and risk factors around the globe. Through our analysis, we have produced annual estimates of anaemia prevalence by underlying cause for 204 countries and territories, by age and sex, from 1990 to the present. We have collected thousands of data points across hundreds of sources to produce the most comprehensive picture of anaemia burden.

Anaemia is a widespread problem

Anaemia is diagnosed by a simple blood test and can be caused by a number of underlying conditions.

Decreases in healthy red blood cells can occur due to excessive loss of existing red blood cells, such as through bleeding or destruction by the body's immune system. Anaemia can also occur due to decreased production of new red blood cells or changes in the normal structure or lifespan of red blood cells that make them less effective.

Globally, anaemia is the third-largest cause of disability: Our recent study found that nearly 1 in 4 people has anaemia. This burden is concentrated among children younger than 5 years and adolescent girls and women, one-third of whom are anemic. Anaemia rates are particularly high in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where we estimated that 40% – or two out of every five people – have anaemia.

> **Dietary iron deficiency is the most common cause across the globe. But other important drivers of anaemia include blood disorders and diseases**

Reductions in anaemia rates have been slow and uneven, dropping from 28% to 24% globally from 1990 to 2021. Adult males have fared better, with young children and adolescent girls and women – who bear the highest burden of anaemia – showing the least progress. On the positive side, there has been a shift toward milder forms of anaemia, which result in much less disability compared to severe anaemia.

Reducing anaemia means tackling underlying causes

Substantially reducing anaemia globally is complicated by its many underlying causes. Dietary iron deficiency is the most common cause across the globe. But other important drivers of anaemia include blood disorders such as sickle cell disease or thalassemias, infectious diseases like malaria and hookworm, gynecologic and obstetric conditions, inflammation and chronic diseases.

Anaemia in adolescent and adult women often occurs due to loss of blood from menstruation and increased needs for blood for the developing baby during pregnancy. Much of the anaemia burden in this group is likely related to lack of menstrual education, inadequate options for effectively managing menstrual problems in those who have them, and unmet needs for family planning services. These are also important drivers among transgender men and nonbinary people who menstruate.

Young children have increased requirements for iron as their bodies grow, and malnutrition is a common cause of anaemia in this group globally.

Iron supplementation has historically been the primary form of treatment and prevention of anaemia. This includes large-scale addition of iron to foods such as flour, rice or milk, as well as providing oral iron tablets and intravenous iron, depending on the context and severity.

Some research has suggested that less than half of people with anaemia will fully respond to supplemental iron if the underlying causes of iron deficiency remain untreated. For example, cells in our bodies sequester iron as part of the immune response to some infections. Supplementing with iron without treating the underlying infection will do little to solve the iron deficiency in the long run, and it may even be harmful.

Additional interventions include HIV treatment and prevention, with pre-exposure prophylaxis and anti-retroviral therapy. Preventing initial infection with HIV or suppressing the effects of the virus once infected will reduce the anaemia burden related to HIV/AIDS.

Other strategies include malaria control methods, such as insecticide-treated bed nets and vaccination, and monitoring and prevention of chronic illnesses such as chronic kidney disease and inflammatory conditions. In combination with a robust supplementation program, these interventions could meaningfully reduce the global burden of anaemia.

Anaemia makes it hard for nearly 2 billion people worldwide to learn in school, perform at work and take care of their families. We hope our findings will allow for more comprehensive intervention and treatment plans, especially for the most vulnerable – adolescent and adult women, children and the elderly.

(By William Gardner, Nicholas Kassebaum and Theresa A McHugh, University of Washington, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Slow healing in diabetics

Why wounds heals slower
A new Nano Today study headed by researchers from the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC discovered that people with diabetes had faulty exosomes, which can cause inflammation and slow down wound healing. Exosomes are nanoparticles that transport signals between cells.

Faulty exosomes
These malfunctioning exosomes can't send essential signals to cells that promote wound healing in diabetes patients' chronic wounds, according to the researchers led by Subhadip Ghatak, Ph.D., associate professor of surgery at Pitt, found. These insights open the door to new exosome-focused therapies to promote the healing of chronic wounds.

Excess inflammation
"In patients with diabetes, wound healing is impaired because of excess inflammation," said co-senior author Dr Chandan Sen, PhD, director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

Crosstalk
"If signals contained within exosomes are correct, the macrophage knows how to resolve inflammation in the wound," said Sen. "In diabetes, crosstalk between keratinocytes and macrophages is compromised, so macrophages keep driving inflammation and the wound can't heal." Diabetic exosomes had different contents of RNA, lipids and proteins than those from non-diabetics, suggesting that the cargo-packing process is altered in diabetes.
Diabetes also compromises the release and uptake of exosomes in wounds, Ghatak and his team found.
The number of diaexosomes in wound fluid from diabetic patients was much lower than exosomes in non-diabetics, and macrophages took up far fewer exosomes than diaexosomes. —ANI

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SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Two aircraft leave an airfield at the same time. One travels due north at an average speed of 300 km/h and the other due west at an average speed of 220 km/h. Calculate their distance apart after 4 hours

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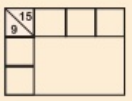
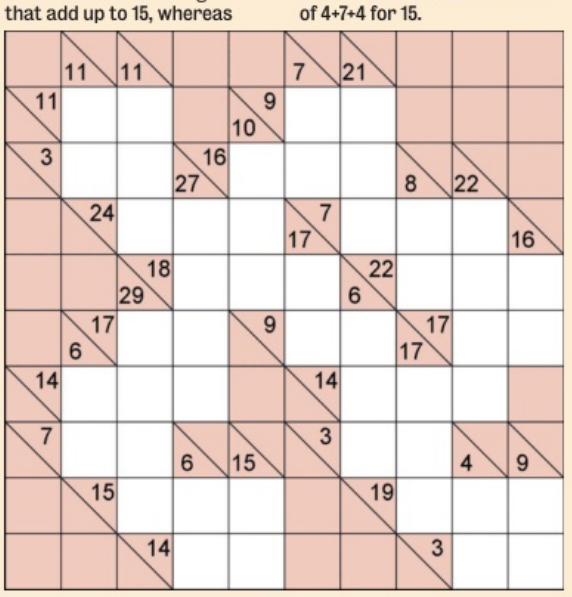


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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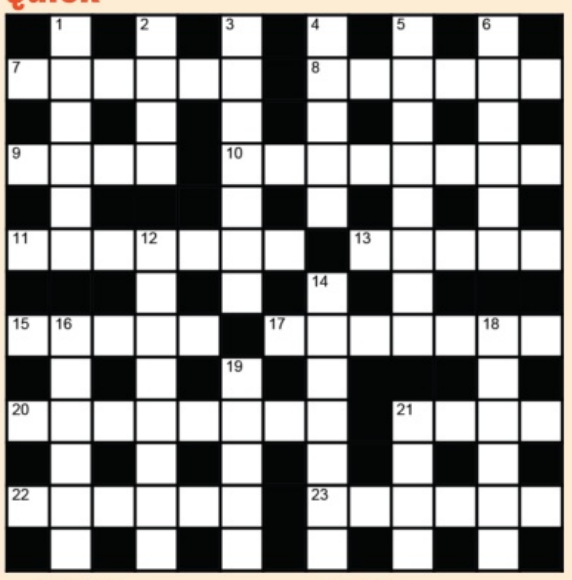


ACROSS

7 Fernando of F1 (6)
8 See or observer (4,2)
9 Employer or consumer (4)
10 Triteness; cliché (8)
11 Flat pasta sheets (7)
13 Linger a while (5)
15 Tie the knot (5)
17 Song that lulls a child to sleep (7)
20 Sci-fi author Ray _____ (8)
21 Found in many places (4)
22 Plea or petition (6)
23 Prodded (6)

DOWN

1 TV screen technology (6)
2 Growl – "rang" anagram ? (4)
3 Stealing from (7)
4 ___ to : adhered closely to ? (5)
5 Attendance check (4,4)
6 Playful repartee (6)
12 Condenses written work (8)
14 Tending to float (7)
16 Unexpected (6)
18 Self-serve meal (6)
19 Bengaluru ___ : Our Pro Kabaddi league side (5)
21 Slender bars (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS C

LTW NBG'R KBDR PTA DGQM-DABRDTG. LTW IBCH RT OT BPRHA DR KDRI B NFWJ

Linemaro

I disagree with anyone who disagrees with you

Mindchow

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us

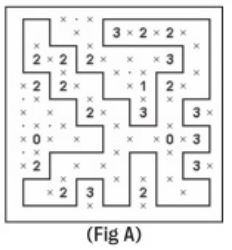
Joke of the day

If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished

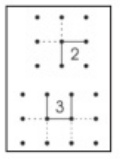
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

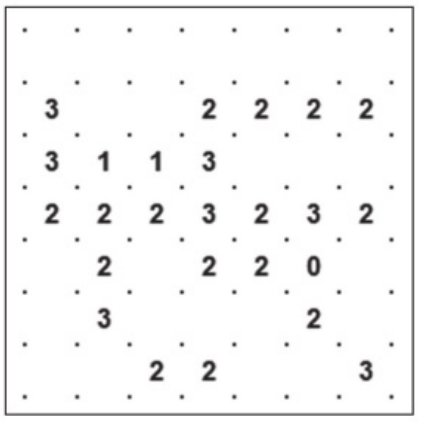


(Fig B) Not Allowed

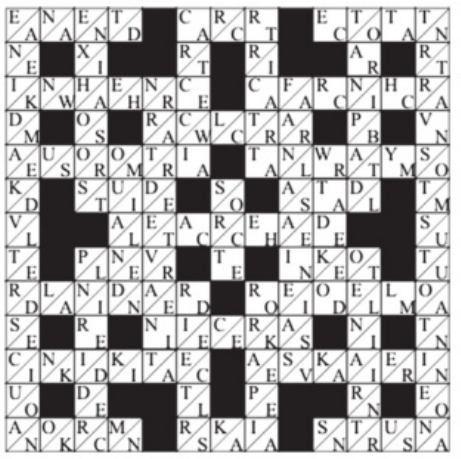
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



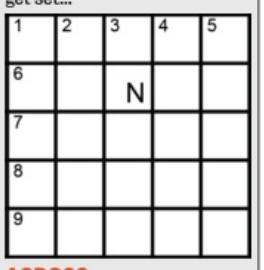
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

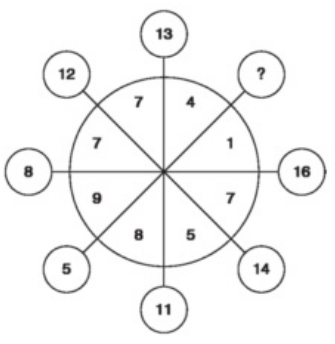
1 Rotis; 6 En Che; 7 Re Cur; 8 Olio V; 9 Being

DOWN

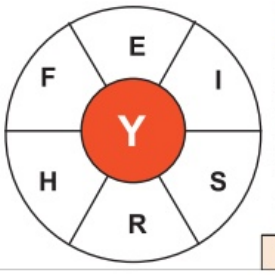
1 Broth; 2 Re Vee; 3 Coign; 4 Uli Co; 5 Siren

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

				5	7	9		
		8	6			2		
	1		3			4		
	7		9		8		4	6
4								9
6	8		1		4		5	
		2			3		8	
		4			5	6		
		5	4	6				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6

2 2 3 3

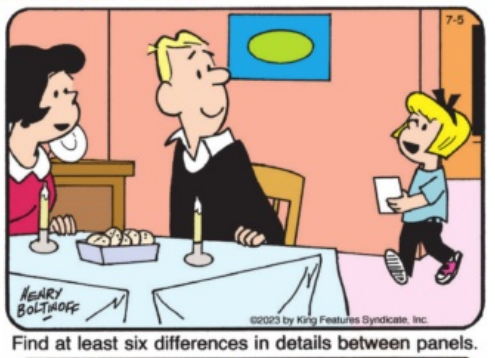
Medium = 9

1 3 4 8

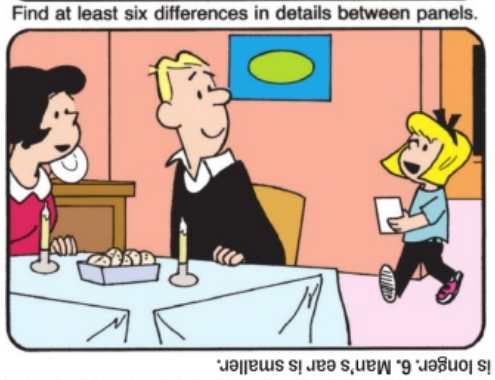
Hard = 11

5 7 8 7

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



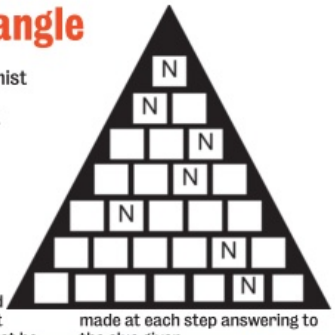
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Back of chair is different. 4. Candle is moved. 5. Girl's hair is longer. 6. Man's ear is smaller.

Riddler

You have 100 identical marbles: 50 are white and 50 are black. You have 2 opaque boxes. You must place the 100 marbles into the 2 boxes, any way you like. A blind-folded person will reach into one of the two boxes and will remove one marble. If the ball is black, you lose. If the ball is white you win $50,000. Question: How do you divide the 100 balls into the two opaque boxes to obtain the most probable chance of winning?

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 Neon for the chemist
3 Decimal base
4 Tenant's payment
5 Come in
6 Of late
7 50 : half



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I'D BETTER TALK TO THEM... WAVE A WHITE FLAG... OR SOMETHING
POW POW POW POW
6-21
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING WHITE!
STAND UP, TANGLEFOOT, SO THEY CAN SEE YOUR FACE!
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I can't believe you sent your food back twice.
A DATE WITH GOLDILOCKS
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

CHARLOTTE, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STAND UP FOR ME. I KNOW I'M WEIRD-LOOKING.
WAIT A SECOND. YOU DON'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE JACOB, DO YOU? WHAT ARE HIS QUALIFICATIONS?
DID HE GO TO SCHOOL TO KNOW WHO LOOKS WEIRD AND WHO DOESN'T? DID HE TAKE ANY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES ON WEIRDNESS?
NO! BECAUSE "WEIRD TECHNICIAN" ISN'T A REAL JOB!
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Crankshaft

RATHER THAN SITTING AT HOME ALONE STREAMING MOVIES...
WE WANT MOVIES TO BE A SHARED EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS!
VALENTINE
SO THE VALENTINE IS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE IN THAT PLACE AGAIN!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be very happy, your losses may convert into profits and your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You may likely have some changes in your place, position or responsibilities at work, in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You are blessed by the positive moon today. Your health may be good today. You may likely spend time with family or friends at a religious place. You may plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity. Property-related deals may likely be favourable. Overseas travel related to work can be planned.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Be cautious today, as you may encounter some conspiracies or controversies. Your strong willpower and blessings from elders may protect you from this critical situation. You are advised to avoid arguments in your love life and avoid rush driving or any adventure tour.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you will be happy and may feel peace in your mind. You will have a good focus towards your goals. You may likely have a romantic moment with your spouse. Bonding with your spouse may be stronger now. You will also be busy with other domestic issues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be more enthusiastic. Your performance at work may be good, it may boost your terms with seniors. You may likely get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. In legal matters, you may hear good news. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may find it easier to complete difficult tasks today. That may boost your confidence level. Your past investments may pay you good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, it may waste your precious time.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today may not be as favourable, and you could feel unhappy or dissatisfied with your current situation. You are advised to keep patience and not take any decision in a hurry. You are advised to take care of your parents.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel enthusiastic today. Your focus towards your goals may be very strong. You may achieve your target easily. You are likely to go for short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Colleagues and friends will be supportive in completing important projects.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by Jupiter and the moon. You may expect to get some rewards on behalf of your social services. You may be appreciated by your seniors and may also get promotions. Your losses may convert into profits now, increasing liquidity in the business. You will plan to invest more capital into the family business which could lead to future growth.

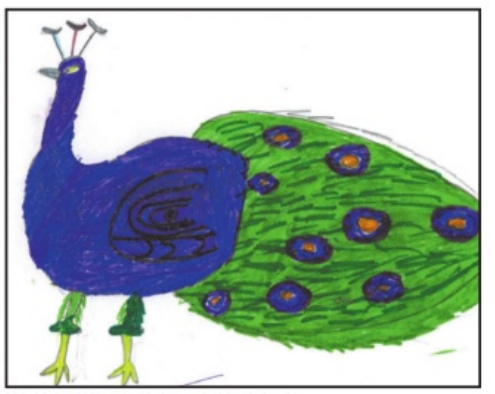
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You will experience happiness and good health today, which may give you inner strength and self-confidence. Your conscience may prevent you from getting involved in messy tasks that could harm your reputation. Your social prestige will likely be increased.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, in conversations, as it could lead to losses. Love birds should be careful in discussion otherwise, relations may be affected.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, there may be peace in the mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity in your business. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles might find a suitable match. Love birds may make the decision to get married. Students will be blessed by good karma.

KIDZONE

Ojasi Gopikrishna, 12 Years, Shiksha Sagar High School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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
After 4 hours two planes will cover (1)300°4=1200 km (2)220°4=880 km
Distance between them =√(1200·2+880·2) =1488.09 km

QUOTE UNCODE
You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club

FAST FIVE

B	E	G	I	N
O	V	O	L	I
R	E	C	U	R
H	E	N	C	E
T	R	I	O	S

BULL'S EYE
fiery, FISHERY, fishy, slyer

STRIKE OUT

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SUDOKU

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6	8	9	1	7	4	3	5	2
1	6	2	7	9	3	5	8	4
7	9	4	8	1	5	6	2	3
8	3	5	4	6	2	7	9	1

MENSA PUZZLE
17: it is the sum of the two digits (9 + 8) in the quadrant directly opposite

RIDDLER
Place 1 white marble into one opaque box. Place the remaining 99 marbles into the other opaque box. You will have a 75% chance of winning. .5 x 1 +.5 x (49/99) = .75

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, Ne, Ten, Rent, Enter, Recent, Percent.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 2 + 3 + 2 = 6
Medium
4 + 8 x 1 – 3 = 9
Hard
5 – 8 + 7 + 7 = 11

LOOP

KAKURO

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Sunday best

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan often shares glimpses of her daily life with fans on social media.

On Sunday, she took to her Instagram and asked her fans whether they were ready for Sunday.

Kareena shared a picture on her Instagram stories which she captioned, "Are you ready for Sunday? I Am…"

She wore a red dress with golden embroidery on the neckline. She accessorized her look with golden jhumkas and chose a light makeup look.

Kareena is all set to mark her debut on OTT with her thriller film 'Jaane Jaan,' which is releasing on September 21.

She will also be seen in director Sujoy Ghosh's thriller which is based on the book 'The Devotion of Suspect X'.

It also stars Vijay Varma and Jaideep Ahlawat. Kareena also has 'The Crew' in her kitty.

'The Crew' stars Kareena, Tabu, Kriti Sanon and Diljit Dosanjh in the lead roles. It is a story of three women and is touted as a laugh-riot, set against the backdrop of the struggling airline industry. **–ANI**

Way to the top

How Raveena breathes life into new characters

Reflecting upon her Bollywood career, actress Raveena Tandon opened up about the time when heroines were more often typecast as mere love interests, and also revealed the secret about her craft.

In the weekend episode of 'India's Best Dancer 3', Raveena will grace the stage as a special guest.

Judge of the dance reality show, Geeta Kapur asked Raveena about her daring choices during an era when heroines typically picked safe characters to play, saying, "Getting heroine-oriented roles back then usually meant sweet, beautiful characters that heroes would fall in love with. However, your portrayal in 'Aks' was different and much darker. I don't recall heroines often opting for such roles during that time."

Revealing her perspective on the same, Raveena shared: "You are absolutely right, Geeta. During that era, heroines were apprehensive about being typecast, and we often found ourselves in roles portraying sweet, affluent father-daughter dynamics, often dancing to catchy tunes with ponytails."

"I made a deliberate effort to take on films and songs which broke that mold. Whether it was 'Daman' which addressed a sensitive issue or 'Aks,' where I portrayed a completely negative character, and later the film 'Satta,' these projects were all divergent from the norm of the late '90s," she said.

The 'Aranyak' fame actress said: "Interestingly, many of my songs, touchwood, became massive hits, sometimes overshadowing the depth of the roles we were tackling. Nonetheless, I believe I've not only survived but thrived in my career, reaching a luxurious peak today with projects like 'KGF 2' and others on the horizon."

"My secret, I believe, lies in embracing new characters and breathing life into them - that's my craft. In our time, we earned the opportunity to choose such roles after having a substantial body of work, but nowadays, this trend has shifted to earlier stages. Back then, sweet roles and catchy songs were the norm, and stepping into unconventional roles felt like a daring choice," Raveena shared.

–IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Model farmer

The film Adarsha Raitha is by a farmer for farmers. Previously, Kannada movies based on this theme have not touched upon what farmers must do during the hard times, especially drought.

Amarnath Reddy, who holds a master degree in agriculture, hails from a village in Chintamani. He has bankrolled the movie and plays the lead in it.

"My parents own nine acres in a rain-fed area. I am aware of the problems of farmers in rain-fed areas. I worked as a farmer for four years after doing my masters. Now, my wife and I run a school for students from economically weaker families at Hulimavu," said Reddy.

A function was organised to release the soundtrack and trailer of the movie. Rajendra Konadela, who has been associate director for Telugu movies, debuts in Sandalwood as a director with Adarsha Raita. "Our movie is different from the previous films. It conveys a message to farmers not to go for high-interest loans," said Konadela.

Ramesh's 106th film

After the successful collaboration for Shivaji Surathkal 1 & 2, actor Ramesh Aravind and director Akash Srivatsa are coming together for their third film Daiji.

Daiji is being bankrolled by entrepreneur Ravi Kashyap.

Daiji has various meanings in many languages. In Konkani it refers to a blood relation, in Japanese it means matter of great concern, in Chinese it means standby and so on.

The team of Daiji plans to release the movie in multiple languages as it can appeal to global audiences. It is said the movie belongs to the mystery and horror genre. The team is in process of selecting the female lead and shooting of the movie is expected to begin in December or January.

Daiji will be completely shot in the US and will be the 106th movie for Ramesh Aravind. The director said Ramesh Aravind's character has different shades.

Dance helped Neve stay sane in Hollywood

Canadian actor Neve Campbell is thankful for the life skills she received as a professional dancer before pursuing a career in Hollywood, reported People.

The Canadian actress, best known for her role as horror heroine Sidney Prescott in five 'Scream' films, has dancing roots, having trained at Canada's famous National Ballet School from the age of nine to fourteen.

As per People, she's now in Toronto for the city's International Film Festival to debut the new documentary 'Swan Song', which takes audiences inside the National Ballet of Canada's 2022 production of Swan Lake. Campbell served as an executive producer on the project.

"I have very few pictures of myself at the National Ballet School, but JJ [Feild], my partner, said, 'Oh, there's that one photo of you, and you look so determined,'" Campbell, 49, told People. "All of the discipline that I have, I take from dance," she continued. "The capacity to be able to listen and take direction, with humility, and an understanding that you're never going to be perfect, and it takes work to be good, and that no matter how hard you work, you'll never completely get there — that is the journey." **ANI**

Nora Fatehi thanks PM for support to Morocco

Actress Nora Fatehi, who is of Moroccan descent, has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his heartfelt condolences and support to Morocco, following a devastating earthquake that left the nation reeling.

The earthquake with a magnitude of 6.8 struck Morocco with a powerful force, brought forth a wave of destruction and despair, but it also highlighted the power of global unity and the significance of extending a helping hand in times of crisis.

The earthquake which was felt in many cities of Morocco including Rabat and Casablanca, has reported the death toll of 2000, till now.

In a heartwarming gesture of solidarity, Modi extended his condolences and support to the quake hit country.

Nora took to Instagram Stories, and shared a message for the PM, which read as : "Thank you Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this big support! You were one of the first countries to raise awareness and extend a helping hand! The Moroccan people are very thankful and grateful! Jai Hind!"

On the work front, Nora will be next seen in a titular role for the first time ever, opposite Vidyut Jammwal and Arjun Rampal in a sports-action film titled 'Crakk'. She also has films such as 'Matka', 'Dancing Dad', and Kunal Kemmu's 'Madgaon Express' in the pipeline. **–IANS**